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1. The opinion of many people in is that the Chinese Communists have agreed with the Soviets to activate immediately their revolutionary program for Southeast Asia. The recognition of the Ho Chi Minh Government* appears to be a first political step in this direction, and precludes the possibility of recognition of the Chinese Communist Government by the French.
2. Another point of agreement between MAO Tse-tung and Stalin, therefore, seems to be that the recognition of the Chinese Communist Government by the British, French and Americans should be held off. The recent attacks on the Hong Kong Government by the Chinese Communists on the grounds of the expulsion of school teachers from Hong Kong and of the Government's labor policy might well be a prelude to a demand for the return of Hong Kong and will certainly complicate the completion of the process of recognition started on 6 January 1950 by the British.

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* Comment. The propaganda in Indochina surrounding the recognition of the Ho Chi Minh Government has all the appearances of a well-organized campaign.

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